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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the December 6, 2000 Office Action and in the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 - 5, 7 - 11, 13 - 19, 21, 22, and 24 - 33 and enter new claims 34 - 36.

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34. (New Claim) A method of detecting virus infection in a biological sample comprising the steps of (a) isolating nucleic acid from a biological sample,